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Applicant:	Gill et al.	Examiner:	Alexander H. Spiegler
Serial No.:	10/034,692	Group Art Unit:	1637
Filed:	December 27, 2001	Docket No.:	7500.331USC1
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Title:	Improvements In and Relating To Analysis of DNA		

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.6(d):

The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence is being transmitted via facsimile to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on December 29, 2004.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

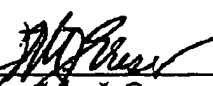
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed June 29, 2004, said period of response being extended from September 29, 2004 to December 29, 2004.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$1,020.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,
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